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For: USE OF AMINO ACIDS FOR MAKING MEDICINES FOR TREATING TO INSULIN-
RESISTANCE

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows.

Page 1, before the first line, please insert as a separate paragraph:

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filed 23 August 2000, which designated the US.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

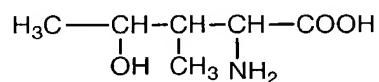
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3) (Amended) Use according to claim 1, characterised in that said compound reduces phosphatase activity associated with the signalling route of the insulin receptor, and/or stimulates PI 3-kinase activity on IRS-1 and/or IRS-2.

4) (Amended) Use according to claim 1, characterised in that said compound is 4-hydroxyisoleucine of formula



and/or the lactonic form of this amino acid.

6) (Amended) Use according to claim 1, for the manufacture of a medicament intended for the treatment of insulin resistance.

7) (Amended) Use according to claim 1, for the manufacture of a medicament intended to combat the syndromes associated with insulin resistance.

8) (Amended) Use according to claim 1, for the manufacture of a medicament against hyperinsulinemia.

9) (Amended) Use according to claim 1, for the manufacture of a medicament against insulin resistance associated with ageing.

10) (Amended) Use of claim 1, for the manufacture of a medicament against illnesses associated with obesity.

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11) (Amended) Use according to claim 1, for the manufacture of a medicament intended to inhibit the proliferation of cell lines associated with the risk of the appearance of cancer.

12) (Amended) Use according to claim 1, for the manufacture of a medicament intended for the prevention of insulin resistance.

13) (Amended) Use according to claim 1, for the manufacture of a medicament intended to reduce the need for exogenic insulin.

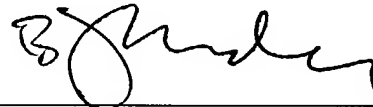
REMARKS

The claims have been amended to reduce multiple dependencies and reduce the filing costs, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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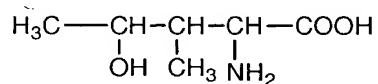
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3) (Amended) Use according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, characterised in that said compound reduces phosphatase activity associated with the signalling route of the insulin receptor, and/or stimulates PI 3-kinase activity on IRS-1 and/or IRS-2.

4) (Amended) Use according to ~~any one of the previous claims~~ 1, characterised in that said compound is 4-hydroxyisoleucine of formula



and/or the lactonic form of this amino acid.

6) (Amended) Use according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~, for the manufacture of a medicament intended for the treatment of insulin resistance.

7) (Amended) Use according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~, for the manufacture of a medicament intended to combat the syndromes associated with insulin resistance.

8) (Amended) Use according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~, for the manufacture of a medicament against hyperinsulinemia.

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- 9) (Amended)Use according to ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~, for the manufacture of a medicament against insulin resistance associated with ageing.
- 10) (Amended)Use of ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~, for the manufacture of a medicament against illnesses associated with obesity.
- 11) (Amended)Use according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~, for the manufacture of a medicament intended to inhibit the proliferation of cell lines associated with the risk of the appearance of cancer.
- 12) (Amended)Use according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~, for the manufacture of a medicament intended for the prevention of insulin resistance.
- 13) (Amended)Use according to ~~any one of claims 1-5, and 12~~, for the manufacture of a medicament intended to reduce the need for exogenic insulin.